

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 3-5 and 9, without prejudice, and amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of feeding a tire component, comprising the steps of:

winding in ~~rolls~~bobbins tubular films formed of thermoplastic elastomer obtained by blending thermoplastic resin and rubber to form rolled bodies having sizes corresponding to different nominal rim diameters of tires;

unwinding the tubular films rolled in bobbins from their respective bobbins to apply an adhesive to an outer surface of the tubular films by dipping the tubular films successively in an adhesive solution in a container;

drying the applied adhesive that is adhered to the outer surface of the tubular films by use of a drying means;

winding the respective tubular films each having the adhesive layer on the outer surface;

forming one type of rolled body corresponding to each nominal rim diameter of a tire;

storing the rolled bodies at least in one storage place;

mounting the stored rolled bodies on unwinding units located at feeding positions for different nominal rim diameters for feeding the stored rolled bodies to a tire building machine;

unwinding the tubular film from one type of the rolled body corresponding to a nominal rim diameter of a green tire when the green tire is ~~built~~built;

and cutting the unwound tubular film in accordance with tire width measurements so as to form a piece of the tubular film having a necessary width corresponding to a size of the green tire, and when the tire width measurements are changed, cutting the unwound tubular film by changing a cutting length to form a tire component; and

feeding the tire component as an inner liner layer to at the tire building machine.

2. (Original) The method of feeding a tire component according to claim 1, wherein the tubular films are formed by means of tubular film extrusion.

3-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) The method of feeding a tire component according to claim 1, wherein the tire building machine is a tire building machine which builds green tires having previously specified different nominal rim diameters, the rolled bodies corresponding to the different nominal rim diameters being placed near the tire building machine, the tire component being formed such that, when a green tire is built, the tubular film unwound from the rolled body corresponding to the nominal rim diameter of the green tire, placed near the tire building machine, is cut so as to form a piece having a necessary width corresponding to a size of the green tire.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of feeding a tire component according to claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic elastomer comprises a component of the thermoplastic resin and components of the rubber dispersed therein.

9. (Cancelled)